

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the sentence beginning on page 1, line 13, with the following rewritten sentence:

For example, ~~Published Japanese translation of PCT patent application publication No. H11(1999)-506662~~ Patent No. 3514464 discloses an invention related to an artificial vision system utilizing a retina stimulating type implant.

Please replace the sentence beginning on page 2, line 8, with the following rewritten sentence:

In the retina stimulating type implant disclosed in ~~the publication No. H11(1999)-506662,~~ Japanese Patent No. 3514464 however, the microphotodiode is generally located on only a part of the retina, resulting in a problem that a visual field is extremely narrow (about 10° of a visual angle).